REMARKS

Upon entering this amendment, claims 1-40 will be pending in the application.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly requested.

Rejections Under 35USC § 103(a)

Claims 1-40 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over

"WebCAM+" and "Developing CGI Applications with Perl". Applicants respectfully traverse

this rejection.

Regarding amended claim 1 and claim 11 of the claimed invention, a network address of

an object site is stored into memory. Further, control information is stored for a respective image

input means of the object site in relation to the network address, independently from the object

site. Thus the user can access a site by using a previously stored address and control information

of the site to be accessed. Thus the control feature is made available to the client, where

normally, the feature would not be received by a client accessing the site. This is distinctive

from the "WebCAM+" reference which is totally silent on this aspect. Therefore, claim 1, as

well as independent claim 11, and claims 2-10 and 12-20, which depend therefrom, are not

obvious in light of the cited references.

Regarding claims 23, 30 and 31, the claimed invention discloses that when the server

requests a request from a remote client, the server performs processing in accordance with the

request, and transmits the result of processing to the client with information indicative of a

service allowable range of the server. The "WebCAM+" reference discloses a lens zoom range

given to a client at the moment the client accesses the site; the reference does not provide for

service allowable ranges in response to client requests. Therefore, claim 23, 30 and 31, and claims 24-29 that depend therefrom, are not obvious in light of the cited references.

Regarding claims 32, 33 and 34, the claimed invention provides that the client may be notified of, and compare the request to the server with the limitation of service information. Thus, if a client requests a pan angle of +50° to the camera server and the limitation of pan ranges connected to the server are −30° and +30°, the client can readily understand how the request is being processed by the server. The "WebCAM+" reference is silent on this feature. Therefore, claim 32, 33 and 34 are not obvious in light of the cited references.

Regarding claim 35, the claimed invention provides that when the camera server performs processing request by a client and transfers the result to the client, the server also transfers the status information of the camera as well. The "WebCAM+" reference may discloses information pertaining to a zoom range of a camera to a client; however, the reference is silent on the transmittal of camera status information to the client when transmitting the result of the processing. Therefore, claim 35, and claims 36-40 that depend therefrom, are not obvious in light of the cited references.

In view of the remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art relied upon in the Office Action fails to teach or suggest the present invention and that the claims are in the condition for allowance. The Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn. A notice of allowance is earnestly requested.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the timely consideration of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4367.

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